REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Applicant notes that this application is based on application Serial No. 09/153,640, filed September 16, 1998, now U.S. Patent No. 6,148,231, issued November 14, 2000. Applicant also calls the attention of the Examiner to application Serial No. 10/117,346, filed April 8, 2002 and application Serial No. 10/245,337, filed September 18, 2002, and which contain method claims directed to a "finger splint" type electrokinetic delivery device. Applicant also calls the attention of the Examiner to U.S. Patent No. 6,477,410, issued November 5, 2002, from application Serial No. 09/584,138, filed May 31, 2000 and particularly references Claims 41-47 thereof. These latter patent applications and patents are subsequent to the effective filing date of the present application.

By the foregoing amendment to the specification, applicant believes that the rejection in the prior application Serial No. 09/653,992 based on 35 U.S.C. §112 has been cured.

Accordingly, examination on the merits is respectfully requested.

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